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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

This Amendment and Response is submitted in response to the first Office Action, dated July 5, 2001, in the above-referenced patent application. Please enter and consider the following amendments and remarks.

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 2-6, 11-18, 21-31, 34-39, 43, 46, 49-53, 57-62 and 67 without prejudice, amend claims 1, 7, 32, 44 and 66, and add new claims 69-84 as follows:

1. (Amended) A communication system having a telephone network that delivers call waiting signaling upon detecting an incoming call, the communication system comprising:
  - a remote modem that has a hold mode;
  - a local modem communicatively coupled to the remote modem via shared access to the telephone network; and